

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"



Tim Gallagher, Director

January 13, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN
APPLICATION UNDER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA – RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
URBAN PARK ACT OF 2001 (FROMMER)
OF THE 2002 RESOURCES BOND ACT
FOR FUNDING OF VARIOUS PROJECTS
(All Districts - 3 Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed projects at Amelia Mayberry Park (Basketball/Multi-Purpose Courts and Outdoor Amphitheater) and Carolyn Rosas Park (Community Fitness Center Addition) categorically exempt from CEQA; and
2. Find that the proposed projects at Col. Leon H. Washington Park (Gymnasium/Community Center), El Cariso Community Regional Park (Gymnasium/Community Center) and Loma Alta Park (Gymnasium/Community Center) are not exempt from CEQA and shall require consideration and approval of environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA, by the Board at the time of grant acceptance; and
3. Find that the submittal of applications for all the proposed projects is exempt from CEQA; and

4. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the submittal of applications to the State of California – Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, for funding for the five proposed projects under the Urban Park Act of 2001 of the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, designating the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as the authorized representative of the County; and
5. Authorize, contingent upon grant funding, the proposed projects at Amelia Mayberry Park (Basketball/Multi-purpose Courts and Outdoor Amphitheater) and Carolyn Rosas Park (Community Fitness Center Addition); and
6. Instruct the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to return to the Board for the acceptance of grant funding, approval of all required environmental documentation and authorization of the proposed projects for Col. Leon H. Washington Park (Gymnasium/Community Center), El Cariso Community Regional Park (Gymnasium/Community Center), and Loma Alta Park (Gymnasium/Community Center).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of the attached Resolution by your Board will authorize the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to complete the submission of project applications to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation (State), for funding of the proposed projects under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002. Applications must include a Resolution by your Board to complete each project application.

The State announced on October 1, 2003, that possible funding was available through the competitive grant program entitled "The Urban Park Act of 2001" of the 2002 Resources Bond Act. The maximum grant amount is \$3 million. The State also encourages a funding match and assigns higher priority to applications with a match commitment. The grant program does not specify a minimum or maximum match commitment. Up to five (5) points out of the one-hundred (100) total point score is assigned to a match fund commitment. This grant program awards funds on a competitive basis to designated government agencies for the acquisition and development of parks, recreation areas, and facilities in neighborhoods least served by park and recreation providers. These facilities will provide safe recreational opportunities to children and youth, the special recreational needs of senior citizens, and other urban population groups. This year \$130,690,000 is available state-wide, through the competitive grant process.

In determining the projects to be submitted to the State, the Department reviewed and assessed various facility needs throughout all five Supervisorial Districts relative to the grant criteria and determined the capital projects listed below to be eligible for this competitive program. Grant applications shall be submitted to the State by the due date of January 15, 2004, and must include an adopted resolution. The adoption of the attached Resolution will complete the application requirements of the State.

Applications will be submitted for the following five (5) projects:

Amelia Mayberry Park Basketball/Multi-Purpose Courts and Outdoor Amphitheater

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST	\$522,000
PROPOSED FUNDING MATCH	\$100,000 (Quimby)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$622,000

Grant funds will be used to construct an outdoor amphitheater and a multi-purpose outdoor area for two full-court basketball courts with lighting and fencing which can be converted to volleyball courts or tennis courts.

Col. Leon H. Washington Gymnasium/Community Center

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST	\$2,000,000
PROPOSED FUNDING MATCH	\$2,200,000 (Proposition 12 per capita)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$4,200,000

Grant funds will be used to construct a 12,420 square-foot gymnasium, expansion to the community building, ADA upgrades to existing restrooms adjacent to community building, new group picnic shelter, and a new parking lot.

El Cariso Community Regional Park Gymnasium/Community Center

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST	\$3,000,000
PROPOSED FUNDING MATCH	\$1,721,000 (Proposition 12 Per Capita)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$4,721,000

Grant funds will be used to construct a new 13,000 square-foot gymnasium and community center with a new parking lot.

Carolyn Rosas Park Community Fitness Center Addition

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST	\$1,687,000
PROPOSED FUNDING MATCH	\$ 100,000 (Quimby)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$1,787,000

Grant funds will be used for construction of a 2,500 square-foot community and fitness center addition and expansion of a parking lot to accommodate an additional 25 vehicles.

Loma Alta Park Gymnasium and Community Building

PROPOSED GRANT REQUEST \$1,708,000
PROPOSED FUNDING MATCH \$3,375,000 (Proposition A, CFD 7 funds)

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$5,083,000

Grant funds will be used for construction of a new 13,500 square-foot gymnasium and community center. Project will also include new basketball courts, construction of two new parking lots, and demolishing the existing multi-purpose building.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Authorization to submit this grant implements three goals of the County's Strategic Plan. The goals are: Goal 3 (Organizational Effectiveness) by recommending options for effective alternative services to maximize the ability of the Department to focus on their core mission; Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being) by improving the good health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, and educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County; and Goal 6 (Community Services) by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This Resolution has been prepared to establish the Board's intent to apply for State grant funds. This program does not require matching funds; however, it encourages applicants to include matching funds in their applications by providing that extra points can be awarded for matching funds. Notification of award is scheduled for May 2004. Upon award of each grant, the Department will be required to have a fully executed contract with the State Department of Parks and Recreation within three years from the date of program funds appropriation. The Department will also be responsible for the completion of all funded projects and submittal of all final documentation no later than June 30, 2010.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on current salary and employee benefit rates and the current project scope, the one-time start-up and ongoing operation and maintenance costs for these projects are as follows:

Amelia Mayberry Park Multi-Purpose Sports Field and Amphitheater

Upon completion of the project, The Department anticipates one-time start-up costs of \$35,785 for maintenance equipment and a truck for maintenance operations. The Annual ongoing costs to program and maintain the new facility are estimated to increase by \$65,693. These costs include salaries and employee benefits for maintenance and recreation staff, utilities, and supplies for recreation and maintenance.

Col. Leon H. Washington Gymnasium/Community Center

Upon completion of the Gymnasium and Community Center the Department anticipates one-time start-up costs of \$68,598 for furnishings, recreation and maintenance supplies and equipment. The annual ongoing cost is estimated to increase by \$165,795 to maintain and program the facility improvements. This includes costs for maintenance and recreation staff salaries and employee benefits, utilities, and office, recreation, sports, and maintenance supplies and equipment.

El Cariso Community Regional Park Gymnasium/Community Center

Upon completion of the construction project, Parks and Recreation anticipates a one-time start-up cost of approximately \$65,080 for recreation supplies, children's classroom furniture, and arts and crafts supplies. In addition, ongoing annual operating costs are estimated at \$199,822 to operate and maintain the facility. This includes costs for salaries and employee benefits; services and supplies; and ongoing costs for utilities, recreation and maintenance supplies.

Carolyn Rosas Park Community Fitness Center

Upon completion of the improvement project, the Department anticipates one-time start-up costs of 10,343 for sports and fitness equipment and supplies, recreation supplies, and furnishings for the facility. The annual ongoing costs are estimated to increase by \$21,590 to expand programs, and to operate and maintain the facility. These costs include recreation staff salaries and employee benefits, utilities, recreation supplies, sports supplies and equipment, and an increase to the grounds maintenance contract.

Loma Alta Park Gymnasium and Community Building

Upon completion of the construction project, Parks and Recreation anticipates a one-time start-up cost of approximately \$65,080 for recreation supplies, children's classroom furniture, and arts and crafts supplies. In addition, ongoing annual operating costs are estimated at \$199,822 to operate and maintain the facility. This includes costs for salaries and employee benefits; services and supplies; and ongoing costs for utilities, recreation and maintenance supplies.

The Department will refine both the one-time start-up cost and the ongoing operating cost upon completion of the design, when more specific information about the facilities will be available. Once all funding sources have been secured to finance these individual projects, the Chief Administrative Office will review the cost estimates and will work with the Department to determine the appropriate operating requirements and to identify available funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department will be required to expend funds in accordance with the 2002 Resources Bond Act Urban Park Act of 2001 Grant Program Procedural Guide.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Submittal of the applications is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA, because it can be seen with certainty that it will have no significant effect on the environment.

The proposed projects at Amelia Mayberry Park (Basketball/Multi-Purpose Courts and Outdoor Amphitheater) and Carolyn Rosas Park (Community Center Addition) are exempt from CEQA according to Section 15303 (d) (e) and Class 3 (a) (b) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

If funded, the proposed projects located at Col. Leon H. Washington Park (Gymnasium/Community Center), El Cariso Community Regional Park (Gymnasium/Community Center) and Loma Alta Park (Gymnasium/Community Center) would require environmental documentation, which would be brought before your Board at the time of grant acceptance.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact on current services or projects as a result of this action. If funding is awarded, projects will be accomplished in a timely manner and will not operationally impact specific facilities.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that three (3) original copies of the resolution be returned to the Department of Parks and Recreation by Tuesday, January 13, 2004, for completion of the grant applications.

Respectfully submitted,

for 
Tim Gallagher
Director

Attachments (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors (22)

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE URBAN
PARK ACT OF 2001 UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

**AMELIA MAYBERRY PARK BASKETBALL/MULTIPURPOSE COURTS AND OUTDOOR
AMPHITHEATER**

COL. LEON H. WASHINGTON PARK GYMNASIUM/COMMUNITY CENTER

EL CARISO COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK GYMNASIUM/COMMUNITY CENTER

CAROLYN ROSAS PARK COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTER ADDITION

LOMA ALTA PARK GYMNASIUM/COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to eligible Applicants; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Urban Park Act of 2001 and the grant Projects shown above within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of applications before submission is complete of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, said applications contain assurances that the County must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the County will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

- 1 Approves the filing of applications for local assistance funds from the Urban Park Act of 2001 under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002; and
2. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Projects; and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and

- 4 Certifies that the Applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the Project, the proportional Match; and
- 5 Certifies that the projects conform to the recreation element of any city or county general plan; and
- 6 Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grants for Amelia Mayberry Park (Basketball/Multi-Purpose Courts and Outdoor Amphitheater) and Carolyn Rosas Park (Community Fitness Center Addition), and conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects; and
- 7 Instructs the Director of Parks and Recreation to return to the Board at a future date for acceptance of grant funding, approval of all required environmental documents and authorization of the proposed projects located at Col. Leon H. Washington Park (Gymnasium/Community Center), El Cariso Community Regional Park (Gymnasium/Community Center), and Loma Alta Park (Gymnasium/Community Center).

Approved and Adopted on this day of January, 2004

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote:

Ayes

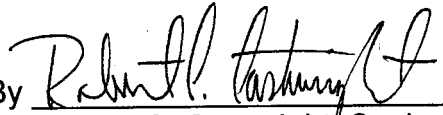
Noes

Absent

Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**LLOYD W. PELLMAN
COUNTY COUNSEL**

By  _____
Robert C. Cartwright, Senior Deputy